REMARKS

Applicants have amended the text of claims 2-5, 8-13, 17-18, and 20-22 as filed. Claims 1, 7, and 14 are canceled and rewritten as new claims 23-25. All other claims remain unchanged.

In view of the above, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to pass this application to allowance. If the Examiner should have any questions, and to expedite prosecution, he is invited to contact the Applicants' representative as set forth below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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